

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the present Official Action, the Examiner first acknowledged election of Group 1 claims 1-6 which are now being pursued by applicants. Unelected claims 7-20 are hereby being withdrawn from consideration. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 5 as being anticipated by Naem (US 6,753,234) however, indicated that Claims 1 and 4 presented allowable subject matter. Claim 6 was further objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, however indicated that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner did indicate, and applicants are respectfully thankful, that Claims 1-4 were allowable.

In response to the rejection of Claim 6, applicant hereby cancels Claim 5 and wholly incorporates the subject matter thereof in amended Claim 6 which is now recast in independent form to include the limitation of base Claim 5. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request allowance of amended Claim 6 in view of the Examiner's indication that the combination of Claims 5 and 6 presented allowable subject matter.

In sum, Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art reference to Naem cited by the Examiner do not disclose, nor teach or suggest, the present invention as claimed in amended Claim 6.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance and Applicants henceforth respectfully solicit such allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite the prosecution of this case,

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to call the undersigned, Applicants' attorney, at the following telephone number: (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully submitted,



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